

Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

9/7/24

Open with Serenity Prayer

Readings: 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts

BASCNA Statement of Purpose: The Beach Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous shall, in accordance with the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts of NA, serve all NA meetings who choose to participate.

See “BASCNA Attendance” for Executive Roll Call Results

| <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u> | | | <u>June</u> | <u>July</u> | <u>August</u> | <u>September</u> |
|--|--|--|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| Chair | | | Absent | Present | Present | Present |
| Vice-Chair | | | Present | Present | Absent | Present |
| Treasurer | | | Absent | Absent | Present | Present |
| Vice-Treasurer | | | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| Secretary | | | Absent | Present | Present | Present |
| SUB-COMMITTEES & OTHER SERVANTS | | | | | | |
| SOTS | | | Present | Absent | Present | Present |
| ENC | | | Vacant | Vacant | Vacant | Vacant |
| H&I | | | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| RCM | | | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| Alt rcm | | | Present | Present | Absent | Present |
| VRCC Rep | | | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| Webservant | | | Present | Present | Present | Present |

Committee Reports:

Chair Report: Rachel C, Present
Hello ASC,

Happy September! I sat in on a policy review and the ENC subcommittee meeting that occurred before this meeting. Both meetings went really well. I'm grateful to be serving alongside such dedicated and committed individuals. Your vice chair will give a report of our policy review. Please note that executive and subcommittee nominations will be open today during new business.

ILS,
Rachel C., BASCNA Chair.

Vice-Chair Report: Whitney S, Present

Treasurers Report: Christina C, Present

Vice-Treasurer report: Elton, Present

Hello Family,

It was a successful month for the treasurers. We successfully created a new worksheet to keep track of BANA financials. I will be holding a budget meeting before next month's ASC meeting, October 6th, at 11am. I will share the new spreadsheet show how it works are review the budget briefly as we just did it (very late I know) in august. If you would like to join me, please do! (friendly reminder, executive board should be there per policy)

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

- Elton C.

Secretary Report: Ben N, Present

Sots Report: Nate B, Present

Greetings,

The SOTS Committee met on 8/25/2024 at 5:00 PM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Sub Committee's met at 4:00PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance - \$3,005.63

Paid out - \$400.16

Received in - \$497.08

Ending Balance - \$3,102.55

NEW BUSINESS

SOTS Committee met quorum this month.

Motion was put forward to add an additional \$450 to the programming committee's budget to allow for a Pizza Social at the campout. The intent was to expand the budget as this was not an item anticipated when the budgets were determined. Motion passed 4 for and 1 abstention.

Banners and merchandise have been ordered by the arts and graphics committee.

Additional needs committee is generating a list of volunteers for the campout based upon several members offering to help out. Please talk with Shane if you are interested.

We do apologize for the disruption in service on the SOTS website last month. Anne was very diligent in getting it up and running again after a cyber-attack.

All programs for this year's SOTS campout will be digital to reduce waste caused by the event.

OLD BUSINESS

The SOTS 15 Campout will be held on October 11th, 12th and 13th. We have a QR registration code set up for quick access to the registration site. The costs for SOTS have been set for Campers at \$40 pre-registration, \$45 dollars onsite which includes camping for 2 nights and access to all events. The Non-Camper and RV registration has been set at \$25 pre-registration and \$30 dollars onsite which includes access to all events and limited parking. Flyers are available.

We ask that anyone interested in participating in SOTS who would like to contribute in any way please attend the next meeting.

Thank you

Nate B - SOTS Committee Vice Chair

ENC Report: Vacant

H&I Report: Joe b, Present.

Verbal report -

RCM Report: Trish F, Present Verbal

Alt RCM Report: Phil S, Present
Area Body,

I attended the 228 Regional Service Conference and gave a report for our area as well as announced Serenity on the Shore and the local speaker Jam.

Important notes from this meeting include the July NA WS Annual Report that was released and that you can find by following this link: https://na.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/NAWS-2023-Annual-Report_PDF.pdf

From the Regional Delegate (David H) report to the RSC:

“In early July, the World Service Office released the Annual Report for fiscal year 2022-2023 (our fiscal year runs 7/1 – 6/30). There is an enormous amount of information in the Annual Report

(which can be found at https://na.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/NAWS-2023-Annual-Report_PDF.pdf) so I will do my best to hit the highlights.

1. There are currently 15 World Board members, 4 member on the Human Resource Panel, and 2 World Service Conference co-facilitators.
2. There are now 72,215 meetings worldwide. This is down from 76,075 at the beginning of the pandemic.
3. Meetings are distributed around the world: 1/3 United States, 1/3 Iran, and 1/3 everywhere else. Iran currently has a few hundred more meetings than the US
4. Literature sales accounted for 83% of our revenue in the fiscal year.
5. We gave away over \$700,000 in free and subsidized literature this year.
6. Since 1983, over 13 million Basic Texts have been distributed, 3.6 million JFTs, and 3.5 million Step Working Guides
7. For the Newcomer won the IP Gold Medal in 2023, edging out the 2022 champion Am I Addict
8. Our Total Assets are currently \$14, 830,451, which equals expenditures.

The Treasurer and Assistant treasurer positions are VACANT and RSC is in desperate need of a treasurer. Please let anyone you know that may be interested and refer them to me for nomination

A motion from New Business has been tabled to go back to home groups:

Date: 8/17/2024
Motion Number: 228-1
Mover and Area member is from: Peter P., BRANA
Second and Area member is from: Rick V., BRANA

Description/Background (optional): It has been the opinion of the Blue Ridge Area that the lack of in-person service events has caused a considerable lull in willingness to participate in regional service.

Intent: To cultivate more participation in regional service.

Motion 228-1:

BRANA ASC would like for the April 2025 Regional Service Conference and GSR Assembly be an in-person event, with no hybrid option.

Amendment: For Saturday (only) be a LIVE-event, exclusively, with no hybrid option
Amendment Mover: Rick V.
Seconded:
Amendment: This does not include presenters that could be at the GSR Assembly.
Amendment Mover: Sherry V.
Seconded: Heather S.

Pros: to foster more authentic connection to our fellow members in service
Cons: would limit those people who cannot drive to attend
Pro: allows for whoever is going to be coordinating to be able to have lunch and a venue
Con: would limit participation to people with disabilities

Vote Talley:

Total For: Groups:
Total Against: Groups:
Total Abstentions: Groups:
Present not voting: Tabled: To Policy:

On 8/17/2024, RSC determined Page 30 of 31 228-1 - hall back to Home Groups

Please take this back to your homegroups and be prepared to vote next area so the results can be taken back to the region.

ILS, Phil S.

VRCC Report: Tom D Present, Present Verbal

Web Servant Report: Anne V, Present

The website appears to be functioning normally. No issues have been reported by users. Meetings and events are up -to-date as submitted.

WordPress is updated to Version 6.6.1, PHP updated to version 8.3.10 for Meeting list plugin compatibility. CloudAccess.net moved us to another server that supports MySQL 8. All plugins are updated and functioning.

Backups are current and uploaded to Google Drive at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xpXB6vGCBDgSbisPDK0G9rk0Bvck975D?usp=drive_link
**McAfee Anti-Virus is reporting false positive for the installer.php file, a critical component for restoring a backup.

BANA Webservant Pass down document updated.

ISSUE: I found many unsuccessful brute-force password attacks and am working with the authorized users of our WordPress site to mitigate risk of intrusion. I installed an audit plugin to review actions performed within WordPress. I installed a Login Firewall plugin to limit allowable administrator logins to the US. I installed plugins to disable unnecessary APIs (Application Programming Interfaces). More protection can be obtained with a paid subscription beginning at \$40/year. The next step would be to install 2-factor authentication, which *might* not be desired in this setting.

ISSUE: Server response time is slightly slow. I will investigate with Cloud Access if a page cache plugin will help this issue.

I will be stepping down at the end of this term of service, please bring nominations!

In loving service,
Ann V
757-270-1141

[Open Forum Open](#): Start 1:28 max of 30 mins.

Elton – per policy when elections come up GSR qualifies we are supposed to do a silent vote. Is that something we want to keep in policy.

Neil – is that going to come up in motion

Whitney no we wanted to talk about it

Anne – important to keep the vote anonymous

Mark – Concur with Anne.

Neal – Call for feel of the room

Rachel – in November we are going to operate as per policy

Elton – Group votes not that is an open position

Sam – seems like a waste of time. A person is out of room. Silent vote is unnecessary because we must stick to anonymity

Phil – Speed of business – Walking out side is enough

Elton – while yes for anonymity for the person voting. Helps remove bias and personality for the person voting

Rachel – you will get paper in November –

Ashley put paper out for people to vote – Develop a way to collect the votes

Neal – Phil brought up point in RCM report – 83% of world budget comes from Lit sales. World service office is not self-supporting by our group contributions. We have 4000 in bank and we have not sent it anywhere. As individual addicts we should donate to world service directly to world service. If every home group in America were to give 15 per month to world price of lit would come done

Mark – World convention brought that up at Sat meeting. If every addict gave 25 a year world would be self-supporting

Ben – Question to Phil or Trish how much to region give to world

Neal when he was region treasure any amount over Prudent reserve would go to World

Sam – areas group conscious of area is to help the person locally as apposed to supporting world. What are the services you get from world for 14 million

Phile – Region gave 1,500 to world, individual total including Groups 8,500 per year.

Neal – Suggest we look at the RCM wasting our meeting. World was not helping the local person. However it was a misunderstanding of the service structure that helped him understand. The local person is the addicts responsible. Region is responsible for the people we can't cover. Region realized that they can't support Places in Iran, etc. So world supports them. Whole purpose is to spread the message.

Joe – Very fortunate we have a lot of meetings and resources we do not see the efforts that the region and the world do. The Region and world does help we just may not see it, doesn't mean they are not helping. Basically up the individual as to how you feel and if you want to donate you donate. Service I do is at group then on.

Rachel we – have 17 mins

Anne – Money is important so are willing trusted servants and region zonal and world level

Elton – Who holds the mail key

Ben the PO box is difficult -

Whitney Vice chair is supposed to

Neal policy change to get a key.

Rachel there is something in Policy that says we need a key

Whitney – Clarify per policy – 2021 motion to amend policy under vice chair shall be responsible for mail no need for key.

Joe – Chuck was chair there was discussion about mail forwarding service – change an address

Neal – Whitney see how it works

Rachel – Bringing up a concern. Went to a meeting yes we can on Thursday on Norfolk. Jess has brought it up. When Rachel attended went into a circle and we just sat there and just shared constantly. Learned out the cook crack the meeting. People could share repeatedly

Jess – Business cards being handed out with NA logo. Got sponsor to go with him. Talked to the 2 guys and explain that they needed to go to area and ask for help to present the meeting. Have 6 types of meetings at the same time. Suggest they remove the Na name

Anne – Tidewater is aware have visited several times. Her suggestion is that people can state the tradition violations and remove them off the list

Rachel – brought it up because I don't know how to handle it wanted to get the floor's opinion.

Ty – Newcomers are stepping out to start new meetings without old time guidance. Old timers are failing newcomers.

Get the idea to start a meeting, we need to step up as old timers and go attend the meetings and office suggestions

Phil – Region has no treasure or vice treasurer. Total balance of 20300.00. Donation to regions is going to a body that does not have treasurer

Neal when I was treasure budget was 17000 per year -

[Open Forum Closed](#): 1:55pm all yes Anne, Mark second all approved

Any New GSRs:

Ty temp for shattering the Illusion -

Kelly – Hanging with Ty to experience Area

Any New Homegroups:

See “BANA Attendance” for Group Roll Call Results-

| GROUPS | April | May | June | July |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| * indicates group went inactive | | | | |
| Enjoying the Journey | Present | Absent | Present | Present |
| Fresh Start | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| HOW Group | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| Kempsville Crossroads | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| Living the Program | Present | Absent | Present | Present |
| Midweek Peak | Absent | Present | Present | Present |
| No Matter What Club | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| Shattering the Illusion | Present | Present | Absent | Present |
| Sunday Sanity | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| There's A Light | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| Trusted Servants | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| Wave of Recovery | Present | Present | Present | absent |
| Freedom of Choice | Absent | Present | Present | Present |
| Choose life | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| *Hope Ignited | Present | Present | Present | Present |
| Visable Changes | Present | Absent | Present | Present |
| Be the We | Present | Absent | Present | Present |
| INACTIVE MEETINGS | | | | |
| Journey Continues | Absent | Absent | Absent | Absent |
| Monday Meditation | Absent | Absent | Absent | Absent |
| When at the End of the Road | Absent | Absent | Absent | Absent |
| Saturday Night Live | Absent | Absent | Absent | Absent |
| Saturday Night Mens | Present | Absent | Absent | Absent |
| Stick and Stay (OB) | Present | Absent | Absent | Absent |
| Miracles Happen OBX | Present | Absent | Absent | Absent |
| The Group | Absent | Absent | Absent | Absent |

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|----------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Groups | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Present Groups | 18 | 13 | 16 | 16 |
| Active Groups | 20 | 20 | 17 | 17 |
| Inactive Groups | | | | |
| % Present | 90.00% | 65.00% | 94.12% | 94.12% |
| Quorum | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| | 66% | 66% | 66% | 66% |
| EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | April | May | June | July |

Quorum Met: Yes 15 of 19 of active groups (73.68%)

Approval of the Minutes: motion to approve minutes Passed 15 of 15

Old Business: start

New Business: 2:06

Motion to GSR from Region

Election in November Vice chair, Vice treasurer, ENC, Secretary, Web servant, alt RCM, VRCC.

Nominations – Natalie Secretary

Qualifications – Decline -

Nominated by Joe

Nominations – Ben Webservant

Qualifications – accept – 11 years, knowledge of websites, 1 year 12 month term, maintain and update the bana website attend all asc meetings prepare report. Ensure website is updated -

Nominated by Joe

Nominations – Neal G Vice Chair

Qualifications – Accept - 24 years clean, active in service most of my recovery. Willing breathing and here.

Nominated by Anne

Motion 1: To revise Policy language under Section III-B: Quorum. Add the Sentence “quorum must be maintained to conduct all new business” after the sentence “quorum must be maintained to conduct all new business” after the sentence: “BASCNA shall utilize a ‘living quorum’ system.

Intent: To maintain quorum

Made by – Policy Subcommittee

Second – Enjoying the Journey There is a light

Vote – 15 for , 0 abstain, 0 against for – motion Passes

Motion 2: BRANA ASC would like for the April 2025 RSC meeting and GSR Assembly to be an in-person only event with No Hybrid option.

Intent: to cultivate more participation in Regional service

Made by – BRANA Area

Second –

Amendments: No location has been Determined

Vote – **Tabled for Home groups**

Motion 3: To Direct ENC to investigate having a special events sub committee

Intent: To carry the message

Made by – Kempsville Crossroads

Second – How

Vote – 15 for , 0 abstain, 0 against for – motion Passes

Motion 4: To change policy language from using he/she pronouns to they.

Intent: To make language more inclusive in policy for all people

Made by – Policy Subcommittee

Second – Wave of Recover How

Vote – **Tabled for Home groups**

Motion 5: To change policy under treasurer qualifications “must have access to and knowledge of Microsoft excel to “must have access to and Knowledge of any spreadsheet tool

Intent: Make the application accessible to all and better serve the area

Made by – Policy Subcommittee

Second – There is a light

Vote – 15 for , 0 abstain, 0 against for – motion Passes

Motion 6: To add alt RCM qualifications back into the most recent policy (03/28/22) using the previous listed alt RCM requirements 1

Intent: To better serve area

Made by – Policy Subcommittee

Second – Enjoying the journey

Vote – 15 for , 0 abstain, 0 against for – motion Passes

Motion to Close: Phil

Seconded Motion: Natalie

Meeting Closed: 2:36pm